MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Four incidents of bomb blasts took place during the last six months (September, 1991 to February, 1992).

(b) The details are as follows :—

(i) On 22-12-1991, a bomb exploded in Sunday Kabari bazar behind Red Fort. In this 4 persons were killed and 44 injured. Property worth Rs. 10,000/- was damaged.

(ii) On 30-12-1991, a bomb was detected in a weekly bazar on the pavement of Arya Samaj Road. The area was cordoned off and sand-bags place around the device. The bomb meanwhile exploded. One person was injured and property worth Rs. 500/- damaged.

(iii) On 29-1-1992, a bomb exploded in a DTC bus at Mall Road, One person was killed and 32 injured. Property worth Rs. 40,000/- was damaged.

(iv) On 8-2-1992, a bomb exploded in a police vehicle. One person was injured and the police vehicle and wireless set damaged. The damage was approximately of Rs. 20,000/-.

(c) Of the four bombb last cases, one case has been solved.

(d) The following measures have been taken to check such incidents in future :—

(i) Anti-terrorist Cells have been formed in each Police District to collect intelligence about such activities by terrorists.

(ii) Armed pickets are being deployed at vulnerable points.

(ii) Intensive patrolling is being carried out.

(iv) Photos of terrorists have been shown to the staff and they have been briefed.

(v) Literature is being distributed amongst the people to be vigilant. Announcement on precautions to be taken are being made from police vehicles and also over the TV Radio and the press.

(vi) Spotters have been deployed at vulnerable points.

(vii) Regular checking of suspected persons/vehicles is being done.

Burning of scheduled caste infant

3595. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the 'Nav Bharat Times' dated the 30th Nov. 1991 regarding the burning of the Scheduled Caste infant and setting their house on fire by the Revenue and forest officials under Police Chowki Dhumchihai, Thana Puranpur, Basti Namga, Nagar in district Pilibhit ;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government into the matter; and

(c) in view of the increasing atrocities both by the upper caste and Government Officials, whether Government propose to grant fire arms to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported that the news item regarding burning of Scheduled Caste infant and setting their Houses on fire which appeared in the Nav Bharat Times dated 30th November, 1991 is not factually correct. A drive was in fact carried out by the Forest

Department to remove unauthorised encroachments on forest land in village Kamgar Nagar under Police Chowki Ghugohahai, district Pilibhit in which 87 encroachers were arrested under the provisions of the Forest Act, produced before the Court and awarded punishments. There has been no incident of burning of infants. However, a few days earlier, a child sustained burn injuries which had no connection with the encroachment drive. The other statements made in the News paper regarding beating of people and molestation of women etc. could not be substantiated during enquiry.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

Strictures against Delhi Police Personnel

3596. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that various courts in the capital have in the recent past strictures against Delhi police personnel particularly regarding performances of their duty ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) what action Government have taken against such personnel ;

(d) whether Government propose to amend the Delhi Police Act 1978 to dismiss such cops against whom strictures are passed by courts ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) 11 cases have been reported in which strictures have been passed during the period from 1-9-91 to 29-2-92.

(b) and (c) The strictures mainly pertain to delay in instituting the cases in the court, non-registration of a case under proper sections of law, un-scientific and partisan investigation, non-production of material witnesses, misleading report on the bail-application etc. In three of these 11 cases, Departmental Enquiry has already been ordered against the erring police officials.

(d) and (e) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Ministry.

Naxalite Activities

3597. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA BHAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have evolved any strategy to counter the naxalite activities ;

(b) whether it is a fact that various naxal groups are obtaining arms from LTTE and other terrorist groups ; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to contain such activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) A meeting was taken by the Home Minister on 3rd August, 1991 in which the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Orissa took part. In the discussions that followed, it was *inter-alia* agreed that the State Governments would prepare action plans incorporating maintenance of law and order and also developmental measures which are necessary to tackle this problem. Since the naxalite affected regions of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa are contiguous,